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SUBJECT: FAREWELL MESSAGE

(BEGIN TEXT) DEAR DICK: I HAD A FAREWELL DINNER FOR OUR FRIENDS IN THE PRESS CORPS THE OTHER EVENING, AND POINTED OUT TO THEM, AS AN EXAMPLE OF MY SOLICITUDE FOR THEIR WELFARE, THAT I HAD TRIED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAD AS MANY MEALS AS POSSIBLE IN DAMASCUS. THE THOUGHT WAS MET WITH SIGHS AND GROANS -- AND THAT SERVED AS AN OBLIQUE REMINDER TO ME THAT YOUR SERVICE OF THE PAST FEW YEARS HAS NOT BEEN THE EASIEST. BUT YOU KNOW OF MY HIGH REGARD FOR PRESIDENT ASAD'S INTELLIGENCE AND INSIGHT, AND HIS FORMIDABLE TALENTS AS A NEGOTIATOR. PERHAPS THE SINCEREST FORM OF FLATTERY I CAN PAY YOU IS TO SAY THAT I THINK YOU ARE A MORE THAN WORTHY EQUAL TO THE PRESIDENT, AND THAT YOU HELD UP THE SIDE
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VERY WELL INDEED. YOUR JUDGMENT AND YOUR COUNSEL HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE TO OUR SEARCH FOR A LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND I THINK YOU CAN TAKE PRIDE IN WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR YOUR COUNTRY IN THE PAST FEW YEARS. AND YOU CAN NOW TAKE SOME COMFORT IN THE FACT THAT I AND MY ENTOURAGE WILL NOT BE DESCENDING ON YOU ANY MORE. BUT YOU HAVE DONE CONSIDERABLE CREDIT TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE, AND I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST

IN WHAT I KNOW WILL BE A BRIGHT AND REWARDING FUTURE. (END
TEXT)
KISSINGER

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